

US Army Corps
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Rock Island District

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Starved Rock Yacht Club

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Joint Public Notice
US Army Corps of Engineers
Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Office of Water Resources

1. **Applicant.** Starved Rock Yacht Club, Dee Bennett Road, Post Office Box 2346, Ottawa, Illinois 61350.
2. **Project Location.** Section 19, Township 33 North, Range 3 East; Ottawa, La Salle County, Illinois; approximate Illinois River mile 234.0.
3. **Project Description.**
 - a. Previous Authorization. In 1995, Department of the Army authorization (CENCR-OD-S-308370) was granted to perform dredging at the area for the development of the area for recreational navigation. This authorization expires December 31, 2004.
 - b. Current Request. The applicant proposes to add a 246-foot-long section to the existing docks to accommodate 13 slips. Additional fingers may be added in the future as needed. The additional docks will be located within the footprint of the marina and will not extend into the Illinois River.
4. **Agency Review.**
 - a. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers. The Department of the Army application is being processed under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).
 - b. State of Illinois.
 - (1) The project plans have been submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for review.
 - (2) The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Natural Resources (IDNR/OWR), application is being processed pursuant to an Act in Relation to the Regulation of the Rivers, Lakes and Streams of the State of Illinois, Chapter 615, ILCS 5 (Illinois Compiled Statutes (1994)). Comments concerning the IDNR/OWR permit should be addressed to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271, with a copy provided to the Corps of Engineers (see paragraph 11. of this public notice for address). Mr. Mike Diedrichsen, IDNR/OWR (217/782-3863), may be contacted for additional information.
5. **Historical/Archaeological.** The Corps of Engineers consulted with geographic information systems (GIS) archeological site and survey databases as maintained by the Corps and current as of August 2003. The query determined that there were no previously recorded archeological sites in the permit area. The Corps of Engineers has determined that no historic properties are affected by issuance of this permit because the work is confined to boat dock construction within the active harbor. Therefore it is the opinion of the Corps of Engineers that issuance of the permit will not affect historic properties because "the nature, scope, and magnitude of the work, and/or structures to be permitted are such that there is little likelihood that a historic property exists or may be affected" (33 CFR Part 325, Appendix C.3.b).

6. **Endangered Species.** District staff have performed a preliminary review of this application for the potential impact on threatened or endangered species pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. Based upon the information provided and available at this time, our preliminary determination is that the proposed activity would have no effect on federally-listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat. While no consultation has been initiated with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) at this time, we are further coordinating this application with the FWS and the respective resource agencies through this public notice. Accordingly, our preliminary determination is subject to change should further information become available.

7. **Public Interest Review.** The decision whether to issue the Corps permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

8. **Who Should Reply.** The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. These statements should be submitted on or before the expiration date specified at the top of page 1. These statements should bear upon the adequacy of plans and suitability of locations and should, if appropriate, suggest any changes considered desirable.

9. **Public Hearing Requests.** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. A request may be denied if substantive reasons for holding a hearing are not provided.

10. **Reply to the Corps of Engineers.** Comments concerning the Corps permit should be addressed to the District Engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, ATTN: OD-P (Wayne Hannel), Clock Tower Building - Post Office Box 2004, Rock Island, Illinois 61204-2004. **Mr. Wayne Hannel (309/794-5378)** may be contacted for additional information.

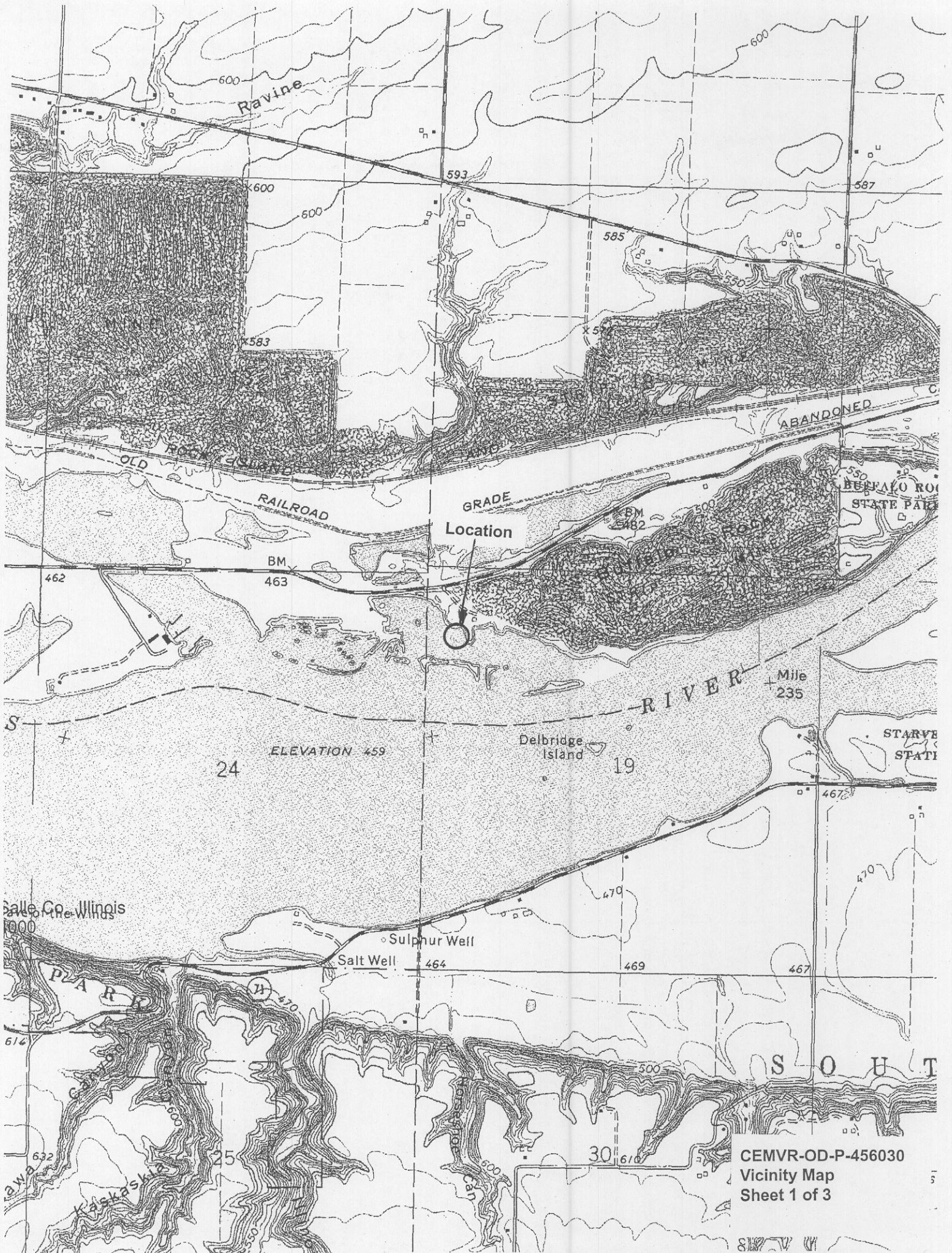
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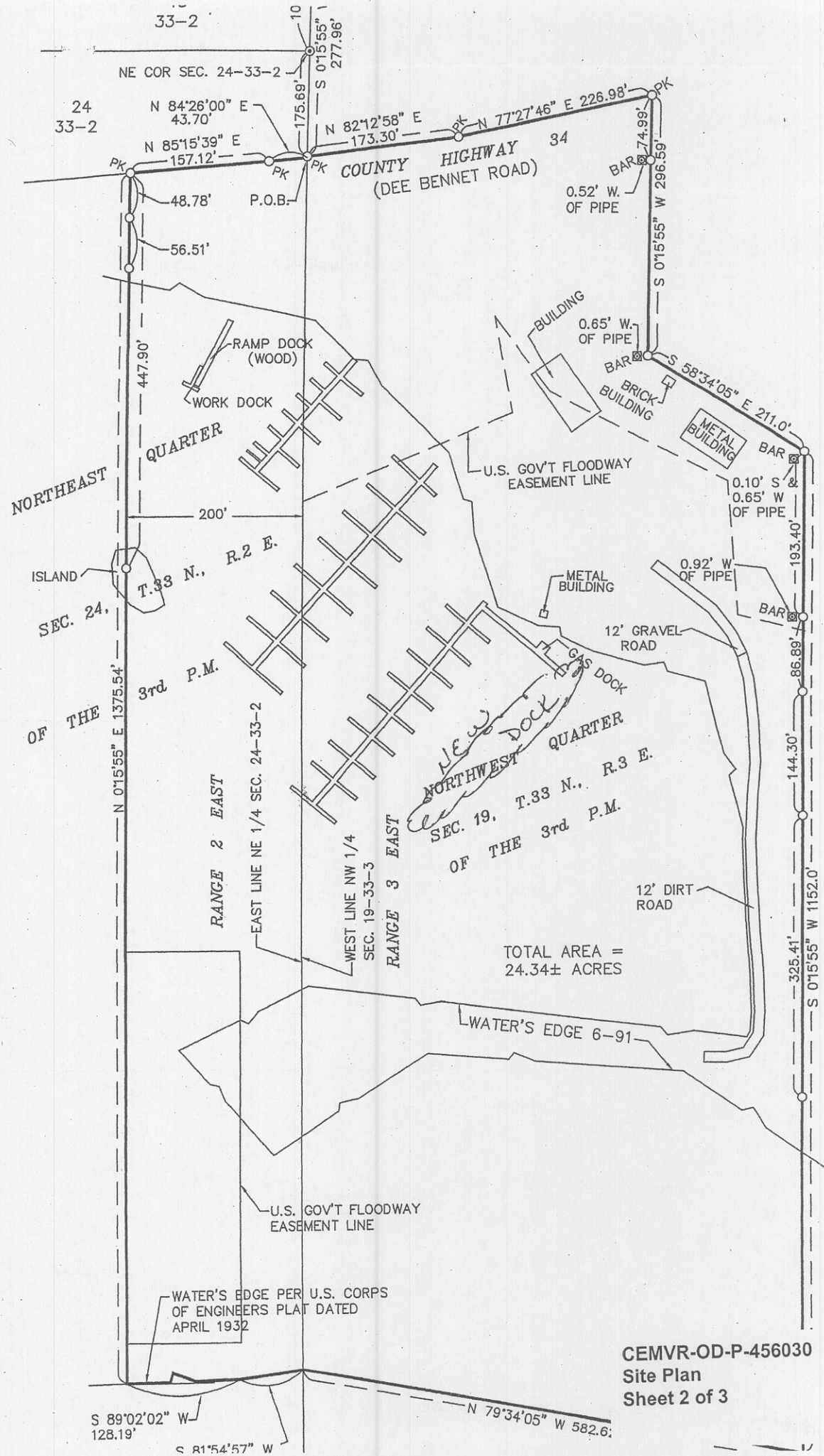
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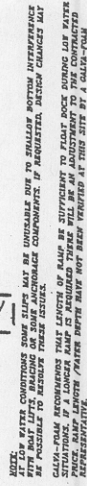
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